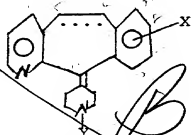


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I claim:

1. A compound of the formula



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wherein the dotted line represents an optional double bond; X is hydrogen or halo; and Y is substituted carboxylate or substituted sulfonyl.

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2. A compound according to claim 1, wherein Y is $\frac{1}{m}\text{COOR}$ or SO_2R ; with the proviso that when Y is $\frac{1}{m}\text{COOR}$, R is C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, substituted C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, C_7 to C_{12} ~~alkyl~~, C_7 to C_{12} ~~alkyl~~ wherein the phenyl moiety is substituted or R is -2, -3, or -4 piperidyl or N-substituted piperidyl wherein the substituents on said substituted C_1 to $\text{C}_{6/12}$ alkyl are selected from amino or substituted amino and the substituents on said substituted amino are selected from C_1 to C_6 alkyl, the substituents on said substituted phenyl and on said substituted phenyl moiety are selected from C_1 to C_6 alkyl and halo, and the substituent on said N-substituted piperidyl is C_1 to C_4 alkyl; and with the proviso that when Y is SO_2R , R is C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, C_7 to C_{12} ~~alkyl~~, C_7 to C_{12} ~~alkyl~~ wherein the phenyl moiety is substituted, wherein the substituents on said substituted phenyl and said substituted phenyl moiety are selected from C_1 to C_6 alkyl and halo.

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2 ~~2~~ ² A compound according to claim 1, wherein Y is $\frac{1}{m}$ COOR, wherein R is as defined in claim ~~1~~ ¹, said compound having a single bond between the 5- and 6- carbons.

3 ~~3~~ ³ A compound according to claim 1, wherein Y is $\frac{1}{m}$ SO₂R, wherein R is as defined in claim ~~1~~ ¹, said compound having a single bond between the 5- and 6- carbons.

4 ~~4~~ ⁴ A compound according to claim ~~1~~ ², wherein X is hydrogen, said compound having a single bond between the 5- and 6- carbons.

5 ~~5~~ ⁵ A compound according to claim ~~1~~ ², wherein X is 8-chloro, said compound having a single bond between the 5- and 6- carbons.

6 ~~6~~ ⁶ A compound according to claim ~~1~~ ³, wherein X is hydrogen, said compound having a single bond between the 5- and 6- carbons.

7 ~~7~~ ⁷ 11-(N-carboethoxy-4-piperidylidene)-8-chloro-6,11-dihydro-5H-benzo-[5,6]-cyclohepta-[1,2-b]-pyridine.

8 ~~8~~ ⁸ 11-(N-methanesulfonyl-4-piperidylidene)-6,11-dihydro-5H-benzo-[5,6]-cyclohepta-[1,2-b]-pyridine.

9 ~~9~~ ⁹ 11-(N-carboethoxy-4-piperidylidene)-6,11-dihydro-5H-benzo-[5,6]-cyclohepta-[1,2-b]-pyridine.

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11-(N-carbomethoxy-4-piperidylidene)-6,11-dihydro-5H-
benzo-[5,6]-cyclohepta-[1,2-b]-pyridine.

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11-(N-carbophenoxy-4-piperidylidene)-6,11-dihydro-5H-
benzo-[5,6]-cyclohepta-[1,2-b]-pyridine.

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12. *Am. antihistaminic*

A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective
amount of a compound as claimed in any one of the
~~preceding~~ ^{1-11 & 10} claims, and a pharmaceutically acceptable
carrier.

13. *13*

A method of effecting an anti-allergic response in
an animal comprising administering to the animal
an effective amount of a compound as claimed in
any one of claims 1 to ~~11~~ *12*.

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